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OUTLINES.

The 20th U. S. Infantry captured a strongly fortified village from the Filipinos a fter desperate resistance; two men of the regiment were killed and 13 wounded. —— The yacht Norna, reported in distress in the Red Sea, arrived at Colombo, Ceylon, last Tuesday. —— Four or five men killed in an election riot at Hot Springs, Ark. —— A dispatch from Madrid says the Queen Regent will sign the peace treaty to-day. ——Ex-Secretary Sherman is sick with pneumonia at Fort de France, Martinique. —— U. S. authorities in Cuba will not recognize the Cuban Assembly; it will be dispersed if it gives trouble. —— Private advices to President McKinley are that the Filipino government is on its last legs and will soon collapse. —— The auxiliary cruiser Prairie will be devoted this Summer to practice by the Naval Militia of the Atlantic States, beginning at New Orleans April 10th. —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 3½@5 per cent., last loan being at 4 per cent.; cotton steady; middling uplands 6⅝c; flour was weak and 5@10c lower; wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red 79½c; corn—spot weak, No. 2 40¼@41c; oats—spot weaker, No. 2 32c; rosin firm; strained common to good $1.35; spirits turpentine firm at 46½c@47c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., March 16.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 51 deg.; 8 P.M., 52 deg.; maximum, 63 deg.; minimum, 51 deg.; mean, 57 deg.

Rainfall for the day, 0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, .30.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—For North Carolina—Fair; light to fresh easterly winds.

Port Almanac—March 17.

Sun Rises	6.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	6.07 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 57 M.
High Water at Southport	12.00 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	3.30 A. M.

The way pig iron is going up it looks as if the Trusts are hogging it.

If Gomez and the Cuban Assembly would both get out it would simplify the situation very much.

When the Maine Legislature froze the ice Trust out, it went right down to Jersey and got in the swim.

A Tennessee editor says if he "were perfect he would be in heaven with a crown and a lyre," and not be playing the liar in Tennessee.

The health of the city of Havana is 51 per cent. better for February, 1899, than for February, 1898. But after all, maybe the Havanese who revel in dirt don't feel any better.

The Pennsylvania man who failed for $70,000 and had as assets only three shirt studs, must have a congenial feeling for that New York actor who failed for $40,000 and had as assets one scarf pin.

The American locomotive is getting there. A half dozen big contracts have recently been made for locomotives for European countries and the Baldwin works at Philadelphia have just closed a contract for ten for a State railway in France.

Dr. R. M. Norment has been appointed postmaster at Lumberton, to succeed J. H. Wishart, who has made a very efficient P. M. Is this the Dr.'s recompense for shuffling out of Oliver Dockery's way and coming out of the race for Congress?

The New Jersey Legislature has passed a law making it a misdemeanor for women to wear birds on their hats. The Legislature probably thought that the women should be satisfied with the wings, tails, etc., without going for a whole bird.

A Philadelphia business man who professes to know says Wanamaker cleared in his Philadelphia store last year over $1,750,000 and about as much in his New York store. Mr. Wanamaker is one of the gentlemen who knows how to advertise and believes in printer's ink.

When Mr. Hearst of the New York *Journal* wants anything he goes for it and gets it. He has just leased a telegraph wire from New York to San Francisco, and now he can sit in his New York office and talk to his boys in his San Francisco office. Mr. Hearst has a good deal of fun running newspapers.

The anticipated cry for the relief of the Klondike gold chasers is coming. It is said there are thousands there who will suffer for food if relief is not sent to them. This thing is becoming monotonous. Thousands of these fortune-hunters rushed in there in spite of the warnings, took their chances, and now expect to be helped out of their predicament and fed by charity.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Seacoast train will go down at 10 o'clock this morning, returning on schedule time.

— License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Jno. Murphy and Maggie Thompson, both colored.

— There was nothing doing in spirits turpentine on the local market yesterday. Savannah closed at 44 cents.

— Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co. yesterday cleared the Swedish barque *Solid* for Cardiff, with a cargo of 5,202 barrels rosin.

— Several cases for affrays that grew out of the contest at the primary in the Fifth ward Wednesday were investigated by Justice Bornemann yesterday.

— Policeman Jones, who attempted suicide at the City Hall Tuesday night, recovered sufficiently yesterday to be removed from the City Hospital to his home, near corner of Second and Ann streets.

— The coroner's jury in the case of the Chavers woman met again yesterday morning, but adjourned until the stomach of the deceased could be sent to the State chemist for analysis, members of the jury being unable to determine whether she came to her death by poisoning or from natural causes.

— The STAR acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to attend the opening of the Trinity College Gymnasium, on Thursday evening, March 16th, at 8 o'clock. There will be a lecture by Prof. Albert Whitehouse, followed by the inspection of the gymnasium.

— Robert James, colored, arrested Tuesday night for the larceny of a pair of trousers from another negro in "Brooklyn," was sent over to the Criminal Court yesterday by Mayor Waddell, where the judgment of the municipal court was sustained and the negro sentenced to the penitentiary for twelve months.

— Yesterday squads of workmen began the work of tearing away the old buildings to give place to the splendid new store buildings of Messrs. Geo. R. French & Son, corner Front and Princess streets, and the Solomon building on Front street, near Market. The plans for both have been described in detail in previous issues of the STAR.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. W. Sanders—Gewhilikins!
Opera House—Finnegan's Ball.
Opera House—"The Highwayman."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. Jas. R. McDaniel, of Pilot Mountain, was registered at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. R. J. Southerland, Jr., of Mount Olive, was one of Wilmington's visitors yesterday.

— Miss. Mattie Bloodworth, one of Burgaw's charming young ladies, was in the city yesterday.

— Messrs. W. H. Jarman and C. A. Pettaway were down from Jacksonville, Onslow county, yesterday.

— Mr. Morgan P. Spear, superintendent of the Third District of the Southern Bell Telephone system, is in the city.

— Miss Marie Horne arrived in the city last night from New York, to take charge of Mrs. Grace V. Wood's millinery store.

— Messrs. J. G. Rogers, C. H. Tucker and J. F. Smith, of Fair Bluff, Columbus county, are in the city on a business trip.

— Mr. F. L. Pippen, a prominent citizen and merchant of Enfield, was among the welcome callers at the STAR office yesterday.

— Messrs. E. S. Smith, of Marines; J. W. Williams, of Cerro Gordo, and V. Sidbury, of Holly Ridge, are registered at the Bonitz House.

— Editor C. L. Stevens, of the Newbern *Journal*, spent several hours in the city yesterday. He was a welcome caller at the STAR office.

— C. W. McLean, Esq., of Elizabethtown, was a visitor in the city yesterday. He is solicitor for the Seventh Judicial District and was here to confer with Judge Battle on legal business. He is just from Columbus court.

A Disabled Sergeant.

Police Sergeant Orrell experienced a severe sprain of the right leg yesterday afternoon and as a consequence he is now hardly able to walk without the assistance of a cane.

In company with Policemen Smith and Ward, Sergeant Orrell attempted to run down a carriage, in which a number of drunken soldiers were riding near the corner of Second and Princess streets, and in some way he made a mis-step, spraining the leg to such an extent that he almost fell to the street. The soldiers succeeded in making their escape.

The Skull-Breaking Case.

The case of Iredell Loftin, the colored boy who made a murderous assault on another negro on Middle Sound, was continued by Justice Fowler yesterday until March 28rd. The postponement is made necessary by the fact that the injured boy may die, and if so the warrant will have to be amended, charging the defendant with murder. Two brothers of the injured negro were placed in jail yesterday for complicity in the melee in which the boy was injured.

ADJOURNED FOR TERM

Work of the District Criminal Court for New Hanover Finished.

THE GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

The Jury Retained for the June Term. Ed. Haywood Acquitted of Burglary. Was Defended by B. G. Empie. Judge Battle's Courts.

Judge Dosey Battle adjourned the March term of New Hanover's Eastern Carolina District Criminal Court yesterday afternoon about 5.30 o'clock, two days earlier than was at first expected that the work would be completed. However, the entire docket was disposed of and the grand jury work finished.

According to previous arrangement, the negro Ed. Haywood was put on trial as the first order of business yesterday, on the charge of breaking into a small house on Princess street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, on the night of March 3rd. The jury selected to try the case was as follows: W. N. Parsley, N. B. Vincent, Chas. W. Kunold, A. J. Hanby, Harry Hill, James M. Black, C. D. V. French, J. R. Orrell, J. E. Piner, C. W. Woodard, W. F. Robertson and E. L. Davis. The trial consumed the greater portion of the day and resulted in the acquittal of the prisoner. Brook Empie Esq., who served as counsel for the defendant, succeeded early in the trial in having the charge changed from burglary in the first degree (a capital offence) to burglary in the second degree, it having been shown that at the time the offence is charged to have been committed, there was no one in the house. Subsequently he proved an alibi for his client and it was on this ground that the jury acquitted. Mr. Empie is receiving many congratulations and compliments on the manner in which he conducted his case, as well as his subsequent argument before the jury. Solicitor Duffy also made quite a good argument for the prosecution.

Other cases disposed of were: Francis Davis, colored, assault and battery with deadly weapon; two months in county house of correction; same defendant, carrying concealed weapon, judgment suspended, and Robt. James, colored, larceny, twelve months in the penitentiary.

The Grand Jury submitted their report to Judge Battle yesterday forenoon and were dismissed for the term with instructions to report for duty again on June 5th when the next session of the court will be convened. Judge Battle said that he was so well pleased with their work that he felt called upon to exercise his right to continue the same jury for the next term.

The Grand Jury's report is as follows, to-wit:

To the Honorable Dossey Battle, Judge Criminal Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina:

We, the Grand Jurors, for the county of New Hanover, beg leave to report, we have found 22 true bills and 9 not true bills.

We have examined the jail and found same in fair condition with the exception that the closets, both up and down stairs, are broken and in bad condition and need immediate attention. We think the food should be cooked twice a day instead of once as at present, so that they could have two warm meals and food should not be left in the cells all day. We also recommend that vegetables be furnished at least twice a week.

We have examined the court house and found the building in excellent condition, with the exception that the window sill in the furnace room is badly broken, and we recommend that a wooden coal schute be furnished or an iron sill be put in to prevent this sill from being broken by dumping coal through the window; we find glass broken in the record vault in the basement and also in two rear rooms in the basement; we find one inside blind each in the sheriff's office and that of the clerk of the Superior Court broken and in need of repairs; plumbing in the main bufiding needs attention.

We have examined the work-house and county home and found them in excellent condition and the inmates contented. We would recommend that the front door of the sick ward needs renewal, also that the locks in the same building need repairs, a new cellar door is needed for the basement of the main building, a new fence is needed to divide the insane ward yard from the other yards, the furnace in the insane ward has been dismantled and the keeper has no means of heating this building. This should have immediate attention.

We have examined the city hospital and found the same nice and clean and in good condition with the exception of a very foul smell in the male department in the colored ward. If this is due to the nature of the disease of some of the inmates, we beg to recommend that those patients that do not have such loathsome diseases be put in a separate ward. It has been reported to us by one of our members who lives in the vicinity, that the refuse and washing of the operating room are buried on the lot, to the annoyance and discomfort of the neighbors in the rear of the hospital. We recommend that the attention of the resident physician be called to this fact and the practice be discontinued.

Respectfully submitted,
D. L. GORE,
Foreman Grand Jury.

Judge Battle left last night for Rocky Mount where he will spend several days with his family. He was to have convened a court in Northampton county next Monday, but has been advised by Solicitor W. E. Daniel that it will be impossible, for the reason that there has not been sufficient time since the passage of the act establishing the District Criminal Court to allow the county commissioners to draw a grand jury.

The next court will be at Charlotte on April 10th; on April 17th Robeson court will be convened.

A CLASSICAL MUSICAL PROGRAMME RENDERED.

Representative Audience Greeted British Guards Band—Flanigan's Ball To-night—Monday's Attraction.

The Wilmington Opera House was thronged with one of the most representative audiences last night which has assembled there this season, the occasion being the engagement of the British Guard Band, under the leadership of Lieut. Dan Godfrey. They rendered a delightful classical musical programme, and to say that the audience was thoroughly pleased does not express with sufficient forcefulness their great enjoyment. Much was expected from England's greatest military musical organization, and truly their expectations were more than realized.

It had been expected that the band would give a matinee but the train from the South was so belated that the matinee could be given. However, last night's performance made ample amends for the afternoon disappointment. Space will not admit of extended reference to the performance. There were a number of especially delightful features by both the full band and soloists. Of the solists probably the most heartily received were Mr. Kettlewell, as cornet soloist, and Mr. Atherley with the trombone.

As an inauguration for the second part of the programme the band played selections from "Irish Melodies," Lieut. Godfrey announcing that this feature was introduced because it was St. Patrick's eve.

The audience manifested abundant enthusiasm and interest during the entire evening, but there was a marked increase toward the conclusion of the programme when "Yankee Doodle" and "Dixie" were rendered, followed by "The Star Spangled Banner" and "God Save the Queen," the audience standing the while.

The visit of the British Guard Band will be long remembered by Wilmingtonians as a most notable musical event.

Those of the amusement loving public who are inclined to laughter cannot afford to miss the engagement of Murray & Mack, the celebrated Irish comedians, with their big farce comedy in the "Finnigan's Ball" at the Opera House to-night.

The "Ball" in its present form is fully up to its predecessors of the series of Finngain stories and Murray & Mack are winning golden opinions over the circuits with it. The situations and business of the piece are very funny. There is plenty of singing and daucing, three bin concerted numbers in the specialty features. The entire scenery, mechanical and electrical effects are carried for each act.

Seats can be procured at Gerken's.

There is much gratification in Wilmington theatrical circles because of the fact that the Broadway Theatre Opera Company will present at the Opera House Monday night DeKoven and Smith's latest and most successful comic opera "The Highwayman." The scenes and story of this opera are said to be most picturesque. There are three acts. The plot hinges upon the efforts of three different lovers to further their affairs of amour by appearing at the same time on the side of a post road, disguised as the dreaded highwayman. There ensues a multiplication of mistaken identities. The music is of old English flavor, and is said to be in DeKoven's best vein and delightfully melodious. The management promises to produce the full equipment of costume and scenery that won the opera such unstinted praise at the Broadway Theatre in New York.

The advance sale of seats is now on at Gerken's.

CHARGED WITH A SERIOUS CRIME.

Young White Man from Rowan County Arrested Here for Arson.

Frank Curllee, a well dressed and respectable looking young man about 27 years of age, was arrested in a Front street barber shop yesterday soon after noon by Policeman C. E. Wood on a warrant issued by Mayor Waddell upon the affidavit of Mr. J. F. McLean, of Rowan county, charging him with arson, in that he set fire to and burned a hotel at Salisbury, N. C., on the night of January 18th, 1898, and in which there were a number of persons sleeping.

Mr. McLean has been here for several days on the watch for Curllee, for whom he stated the grand jury of Rowan county had already returned a true bill of indictment, but not until yesterday was his search rewarded. Curllee came here from Charlotte yesterday on the noon train of the Carolina Central, to accept a position as lineman with the Bell Telephone Co., and upon identification by Mr. McLean, was arrested in less than an hour afterward.

He refuses to speak of the crime for which he was arrested, beyond that he was in the hotel in question at the time of the fire and that his cousin was proprietor of the same.

Immediately after his arrest Mayor Waddell telegraphed the Sheriff of Rowan for instructions as to what disposition to make of the prisoner and received a reply to hold him to await the arrival of an officer. Curllee was remanded to jail without bail. The officer is expected for him to-day.

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DESERVED COMPLIMENT TO DRUID OFFICIALS.

Mr. A. J. Marshall and Mr. Geo. Zeigler Presented With Handsome Charms by Linden Grove.

A pleasant and merited compliment was accorded Aquilla J. Marshall, Esq., and Mr. George Ziegler last night by Linden Grove No. 2, Ancient Order of Druids. These gentlemen were each presented with a handsome appropriately engraved watch charm emblematic of the noble order which they have in the past and are now so faithfully serving as responsible officers. The charms were selected by a special committee composed of Mr. W. E. Yopp, Mr. I. Shrier and Mr. William Tienken. There was a large attendance upon the Lodge of Druids last night and the presentation speech was made by Mr. H. Buefeindt, the recipients of the handsome presents responding quite appreciatively in speeches of acceptance.

In presenting the charms Mr. Buefeindt said:

Brethren: The pleasant duty has been assigned me of acknowledging the great indebtedness and appreciation which we are all under for the untiring perseverance and zeal and exemplary conduct of two of our brethren. It has often been in the past, and I presume will be in the future, that honor to whom honor is due is merely a meaningless term; but we are assembled on the present occasion to demonstrate the fact that this our noble order does "give honor to whom honor is due," and in doing so we honor ourselves.

Brethren: I am requested to present in behalf of the members of this lodge, as a token of our appreciation and love to you both—Brother Ziegler and Brother Marshall—this charm, emblematic of our order. May you, my brethren, accept these presents with our best wishes and kindest regards, for your noble work in behalf of this our beloved order, Linden Grove No. 2.

LOG ROLLING AND COLLATION.

Live Oak Camp Woodmen of the World Spend a Delightful Evening.

Live Oak Camp Woodmen of the World and their friends spent a delightful evening in their lodge room last night, the occasion being a "log rolling and collation" to members and friends.

In the absence of Mr. J. J. Fowler, Mr. T. R. Post was master of ceremonies, and there were probably a hundred people in attendance, among them quite a number of ladies.

L. V. Grady, Esq., delivered quite an appropriate address. Other features of the evening were an amusing sham initiation which was followed by a delicious and admirably served supper.

Much credit is due to the special committee to whose care the preliminary arrangements were committed. It was composed of Mr. Thos. R. Post, (chairman), Mr. W. H. Howell, Mr. Geo. C. Jackson, Mr. W. L. Holden, Mr. A. J. Yopp, Mr. W. A. McGowan, Mr. Henry Bailey and Mr. J. H. McDougald.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—2 barrels tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—156 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 85 barrels tar.

Carolina Central Railroad—6 casks spirits turpentine, 45 barrels rosin, 26 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—3 casks spirits turpentine, 41 barrels tar.

Steamer W. T. Daggett—1 cask spirits turpentine, 10 barrels rosin, 27 barrels tar, 10 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—78 barrels tar.

C. Larkins' Flat—57 barrels tar.

Total—Cotton, 156 bales; spirits turpentine, 11 casks; rosin, 55 barrels; tar, 316 barrels; crude turpentine, 11 barrels.

New England Newspaper League.

General Manager C. F. King, of the New England Newspaper League, now touring the South, writes the STAR from Roanoke, Va., March 15th, as follows:

Our party will be at Raleigh next Monday and while there I will map out itinerary covering the State of North Carolina. I would be glad to include Wilmington in the list of points to be visited, and will do so if I am given assurance of a desire on the part of your progressive business men to have Wilmington properly represented in our special Southern edition, which we are preparing for publication immediately after our arrival home. We do not enjoin as a condition upon our visit to Wilmington, or any other point, the taking of space in this edition; but it is only fair to us and you to let it be known that the pressure of time will not permit us to visit points where there is no desire for such representation. It is also well enough to state that we are not seeking social or formal entertainment, nor indeed can we longer accept of such attentions.

Charles Kunold Arrested for Desertion.

Charles W. Kunold, who is well known about town, was arrested late yesterday afternoon by Captain of Police Jno. Furlong and sent aboard the revenue cutter *Algonquin*, from which he deserted last December while the cutter was lying at the dock at Philadelphia, Pa. Kunold claimed when he came here that he had received an honorable discharge from the service and upon the arrival of the *Algonquin* here displayed no signs of uneasiness and was engaging a number of the crew of the vessel in conversation when arrested. Capt. Furlong delivered him over to the first lieutenant of the ship and he was placed in chains and sent below. He was one of the non-commissioned officers and will probably be tried by court martial.

NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

Republican Office Holders Refuse to Give Way to New Appointees.

SEVERAL SUITS INSTITUTED.

Petitions in Involuntary Bankruptcy—The City Election—Negroes Anxious to Enlist in the Army—Gov. Russell Pardoning Convicts.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., March 16.

There is a great rush of colored applicants to "jine de army" at the recruiting station opened here by Major Davis. Most of them are members of Jim Young's regiment (the Third) recently mustered out. Of the fifty applicants yesterday eighteen were examined and only four were accepted. One of the four is white—Oscar M. Swayn. He enlists for service in the Philippines. Men will be sent to Columbus, Ohio, as rapidly as enlisted.

R. P. Reinhardt, the Fusion supervisor of the Anson State farm, refuses to give up to R. R. Ross, of Randolph, who has been appointed supervisor by the new Penitentiary Board. Ross will take the matter to the courts. He is represented by Hon. James A. Lockhart.

The Republicans so far are taking little interest in the city election to be held in May. They have made no nominations and it is not very probable that they will make any, other than Aldermen in two precincts. In one of these they will elect their candidate. In the other they have only a fighting chance.

Since the 20th day of February, the day the Democrats took charge of the penitentiary, twenty-seven convicts have been pardoned an average of one a day.

The public and private acts passed by the recent Legislature will make two books of about 1,000 pages each. The printers are now at work on them. They must be completed within ninety days after adjournment of the General Assembly.

The commencement exercises of the departments of law, medicine and pharmacy of Shaw Universisy took place in the college chapel this forenoon at 11 o'clock.

The address was by Prof. Howard B. Grose, of Boston, associate editor of the *Watchman*. The subject of Dr. Grose's address was "The Power of an Idea."

The case of Thomas Smith, the negro who killed one white man and seriously wounded another near Selma, Johnston county, last Christmas, has been set for trial Friday in Johnston Superior Court.

Vaccination has been made compulsory at Henderson and hundreds are being vaccinated.

Milton Barnes, a white man claiming to be from Onslow county, was arrested here last night for stealing a cow from a man living some ten miles from Raleigh and selling it to a butcher in this city.

Wake Forest Ball Games.

Following is the list of games arranged by the officials of the Wake Forest College base ball team, with their respective opponents and places of meeting:

March 25th—A. & M. College, at Wake Forest.
March 27th—Bingham School (Mebane), at Wake Forest.
April 1st—Richmond College, at Wake Forest.
April 3d—Trinity College, at Durham.
April 4th—Horner School, at Oxford.
April 6th—Atlanta Institute of Technology, at Atlanta.
April 7th and 8th—Mercer University, at Macon, Ga.
April 12th—Oak Ridge Institute, at Wake Forest.
April 14th—Guilford College, at Raleigh.
April 21st—Roanoke College, at Wake Forest.
April 24th—University of Maryland, at Wake Forest.
May 1st—Trinity College, at Wake Forest.

Other games will probably be filled in later. Mr. Jas. F. Royster, of Raleigh, is captain of the team, and the manager is Mr. Claude W. Gore, of Wilmington.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

Petitions in involuntary bankruptcy were to-day filed for J. Daughtridge and J. W. Bradley, doing business under the firm name of Daughtridge & Company, of Rocky Mount. Creditors of the company are the Virginia and Carolina Chemical Company, at Richmond, W. Bradley and J. W. Matthews. The liabilities are $8,000 and the assets are not stated. The petition asks that Thomas H. Battle, of Rocky Mount, be appointed temporary receiver. The matter will be heard before Judge Purnell March 25th.

Suit was to-day instituted by Barnes Brothers for a mandamus to compel the joint committee on printing to sign a contract with them and to compel the Secretary of State to deliver them the manuscript of the laws and journals. The case will be heard by Judge Brown at chambers here on March 30th.

Papers were also filed to-day in Cherry's suit to oust Burns, as keeper of the capitol. This also will be heard by Judge Brown.

Attorney General Walser to-day formally declined to pass on the constitutionality of the act abolishing county boards of education and creating county boards of directors. He says it is not in the province of his office to pass upon the constitutionality of laws of the Legislature. He must construe law as administered, and not pass on its validity.

District meeting of Pythians will be held here Tuesday night. Grand Chancellor Franklin, of Charlotte, Grand Vice Chancellor Woodward, of Wilmington, and other grand officers will attend. A banquet will be given by the local Pythians.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure promp and regular delivery.

AN INTERESTING MEETING.

Literary Department Accords Epworth Leaguers Delightful Entertainment. Monthly Business Meeting.

The Grace Epworth League held a highly entertaining and very profitable meeting last night. Features were the devotional service, reports of committees and entertainment by the Literature department.

The exercises were opened by Rev. Edward Kelly who conducted devotional service, after which President Jno. Frank took charge of the meeting. The first order of business was the reports of committees and departments, the first of which was the Devotional. This elicited interesting comments by Rev. Mr. Kelly. The Charity and Help Department reported through its president, Mrs. Corbett, and treasurer, Miss Ida Hankins.

President Frank was authorized to appoint two delegates to the State Epworth meeting, to be held at Newbern, April 6th, continuing to the 9th.

As a pleasant conclusion for the evening's exercises the Literary department, Miss Mamie Alderman, president, rendered a delightful entertainment, features of which were: "Revolutionary Literature," by Miss Mamie Alderman; "America," by the League; "North Carolina In the Revolution," (essay), by Miss Maud Tyer; "Independence Bell," (declamation,) by William Corbett; "Rural Life One Hundred Years Ago," by Miss Bessie Fillyaw.

Appropriate remarks were made by Mr. Frank Denney, of New Jersey, after which the meeting adjourned.

Fire in Shingle Pile.

The alarm from box 41 at 12.45 o'clock this morning was occasioned by the burning of a quantity of cypress shingles on the west side of the river about parallel with Dock street. The shingles were the property of Captain R. W. Gibson. About 100,000 were burned. The firemen, who went over in row boats, succeeded in saving 25,000 shingles. The blaze was in dangerous proximity to the barge *Louis H.*, and it was feared it would catch on fire. However, there was no damage save the burning of the shingles. About 2.15 o'clock a second alarm was sent in from box 43, corner Front and Orange streets. The fire was still burning slowly over the river, the fire department having returned to the stations, and two men, travelling in a buggy, saw it and sent in the alarm.

Dr. R. M. Norment, Postmaster.

This week's issue of the Lumberton *Robesonian* says:

Dr. R. M. Norment was last week appointed postmaster at Lumberton and will take charge of the office as soon as his bond is accepted and his commission is received. The present efficient postmaster, J. H. Wishart, than whom there has never been a better or more popular one, has served for more than two years under the present administration, and fully four-fifths of the patrons of the office would have been glad if no change had been made. This was not unexpected, however, for Republicans don't want such sterling Democrats as John Wishart in office where they can help it. The appointment of Dr. Norment is acquiesced in because it cannot be helped and it may be satisfactory to the few white Republicans who patronize the office, also to probably a majority of the negroes, but a majority of the white patrons of the office would have preferred some one else.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Gewhilikins, LOOK.

1 doz. Eggs	12 1-2
1-2 lb. Chipped Beef	12 1-2
1 " Table Butter	30
3 " Pkg. Prep. Buckwheat	15
1 Pk Yams	18
	87 1-2

All for 69c.

AND ONE CAKE BROOK'S CRYSTAL SOAP

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Balance of this week or as long as the goods hold out.

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THE MISSION OF AMERICA.

Since the greed for empire and the hunger for spoils has seized the advocates of expansion in this country we hear much about the "mission of America," the sum and substance of which is to carry civilization and progress to the benighted, where our flag may have been temporarily planted, and to lift them up whether they want to be lifted up or not, voluntarily if the will, forcibly if they will not. Kipling, writing like an Englishman to Americans, has enjoined us in spirited verse to "take up the white man's burden," and we have had that same thing run on different keys from pulpit, rostrum and sanctum, day after day.

The preacher who believes in expansion and whose conscience justifies the rape of territory on the plea that "the end justifies the means," exclaims that it is the mission of this country to carry Christianity as well as liberty to the people whom those preachers believe to be in a deplorable state of heathen darkness. The expansionist orator, who views the question from a less religious standpoint, declares from the rostrum that it is the mission of this country to carry the light of modern civilization to those people and force them to accept the civilization which we offer whether they like it or not, and the voice comes out from the editorial sanctum where expansion editors write, substantially reiterating all the preachers and the rostrum orators proclaim.

In our opinion the mission of this country is to mind its own business in the old fashioned way, to attend to matters at home and to studiously avoid poaching upon the domain of other nations or becoming mixed up with them in any way. The father among the fathers, the one distinguished enough to be called "The Father of His Country" in his farewell address warned his countrymen against entangling alliances, which, of course, meant to avoid the conditions which might lead to complications which might necessitate entangling alliances. Haven't we seen indications already of these entangling alliances against which Washington impressively warned us? What does all this talk about kinship between Americans and Britons, and these frequent expressions on both sides of the ocean favoring an alliance between this country and England, mean? Not content with this there are those who think of and favor a triple alliance—America, Great Britain and Japan. Here is a double entanglement, which would never have been thought of if it had not been for the war with Spain, and the territory-grabbing spirit which the war begat and stimulated.

The fathers had their conception of America's mission—which was confined to the Northern part of this hemisphere. They never contemplated going out, hunting up the brown man and the yellow man, planting the flag over him and proceeding to civilize him whether he be willing or not. With them "the white man's burden," the American's burden, was to build up his own country, to labor for the betterment of his own people, to take good care of the Republic and see that it suffered no injury from enemies at home or abroad. That's what the Fathers thought the mission of this country was, and what their sons thought until the expansion craze seized some of them and unbalanced them.

Sixty-eight years ago one of the Fathers, John Quincey Adams, delivered a Fourth of July oration in the city of Washington on "The Mission of America," from which the Atlanta *Journal* makes the following extract:

"She (America) has abstained from interference in the concern of others, even when the conflict has been for principles to which she clings, as to the last vital drop that visits the heart. She has seen that, probably for centuries to come, all the contests of that Aceldama, the European world, will be contests between inveterate power and emerging right. Wherever the standard of freedom and independence has been or shall be unfurled there will her heart, her benedictions and her prayers be. But she goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own. She will recommend the general cause by the countenance of her voice and the benignant sympathy of her example. She well knows that, by once enlisting under other banners than her own were they even the banners of foreign independence, she would involve herself, beyond the power of extrication in all the wars of interest and intrigue, of individual avarice, envy and ambition, which assume the color and usurb the standard of freedom. The fundamental maxims of her policy would insensibly change from liberty to force. The frontlet upon her brows would no longer beam with the ineffable splendor of freedom and independence; but in its stead would soon be substituted an imperial diadem, flashing in false and tarnished lustre, the murky radiance of dominion and power. She might become the dictatress of the world; she would no longer be the ruler of her own spirit."

This reiterates in other phrase what the other father enjoined when he said "beware of entangling alliances," which may be very easy to get into, but very hard to get out of, and the end of which no man can see.

There are, it is true, a good many men to-day who, carried away by the expansion mania, close their ears to all the sober counsels of the past, and rush into territorial aggrandizement regardless of consequences, and reckon little as to the dangers there may be ahead. They are not caring for that, but swayed by passion, by lust of empire, are morally and physically blind to the consequences that may follow this lust of empire. We have begun to reap some of these consequences already. Having closed one war we have entered upon another, which has already cost us many millions of dollars, has cost us the lives of a good many soldiers, and will cost us thousands more, and then, if successful, we acquire domain over distant territory where our authority must be maintained with the bayonet, and when in the event of complications with rival nations, "entangling alliances" will become a certainty. The fathers knew what they built for better than their grasping, demoralized sons.

FIGHTING THE OIL TRUST.

The Attorney General of Ohio has for some time been fighting the Standard Oil Company and trying to bring it within the pale of the law of that State. Whether he is making any progress or not we do not know, but he is throwing considerable light on the monopoly that institution has, and how it is coining money out of that monopoly. Commenting upon the efforts the Attorney General is making and the allegation that he was offered a bribe of $500,000 to stop proceedings, the New York *Journal* says:

"Attorney General Monnett shows from official figures that the uniform cost of oil per barrel to the Standard Oil Company is twenty cents, and that in three years the raw material cost them $9,747,247. With all competitors driven from the field this oil was sold at retail for $389,889,900, a sum two and half times greater than the value of all the wool, cattle, sheep, hogs, corn and oats produced in Ohio during the same period.

"Before the millions of this remorseless monopoly the courts have stood powerless. Legislatures have become corrupted and officials have grown careless. Its officers refuse to bring their books into court, or to testify as to their contents, on the ground that they would incriminate themselves if they did. Driven to the last wall, they burn the documents demanded by the court, and through their attorneys defiantly ask: 'What are you going to do about it?'

"Attorney General Monnett has refused a bribe of $500,000 from the oil monopolists. He contends that there is abundant law in Ohio 'to wipe them off the face of the earth,' and in his herculean task this honest and faithful servant of the people has the support of good citizens everywhere."

We do not suppose that the Standard Oil Trust is any worse than any other Trust which has an absolute monopoly. It differs from others, perhaps, in the fact that its product costs it less, and with its immense sales, its profits are enormous. It may and does sell oil pretty cheap, but who would say that if had not the monopoly it has, and if it had to meet the competition of some other strong company, which could command the crude oil at as low a figure as it does, that it wouldn't sell oil cheaper? It could sell at half the price it does and yet make an enormous profit out of a material that nature supplies in abundance, the cost of drawing which from the earth is merely nominal.

REDUCTION IN COTTON ACREAGE.

It is thought that there will be a material reduction in the cotton acreage of South Carolina and Georgia this year. Opinion in South Carolina is based on the reduced receipts from the inspector of fertilizers, compared with last year, the receipts so far this year being only $34,583, against $50,162 last year and $44,583 the year before. Last year the total receipts amounted to $60,000, but will not amount to more than $40,000 this year, a decrease of one-third.

There may not be a corresponding decrease in the acreage of cotton, but this reduction in the demand for fertilizers indicates a considerable reduction in the cotton acreage. It is also said that there will also be a considerable decrease in Georgia and that the that the farmers in both of these States are giving more attention to the growing of other crops. If the same could be said of all the cotton States it would be a cause for congratulation, for then the cotton crop might be brought somewhere within the paying limit.

But it is interesting to learn, whether the reduction in cotton acreage will be material or not, that many of our farmers are increasing their efforts to raise their home supplies, and are giving much more thought and attention to diversified farming, for to this they must come before they can count with any certainty on the cotton crop. But that they are making fair progress in this direction is shown by the steady increase for several years in the production of grain crops, grass, fruit, &c., and the increased yield of grain per acre, showing improved methods of cultivation and improved soil, a proof that while cotton may still be the leading crop, it is not monopolizing attention as it once did.

S. OTHO WILL NOT CONTEST.

These are days for the ousted to contest and hang on if they can. It was reported some time ago that S. Otho Wilson's resignation had a string to it, and that he had, through counsel, filed notice of his intention to enter suit to hold his place as railroad commissioner. But if so he has changed his mind, as we gather from the following from the Raleigh *Post*, which by authority states his position:

"Mr. S. Otho Wilson was in the city Sunday, returning to his farm in the evening of that day.

"His absence from Raleigh at the time Attorney Harris made the formal 'protest' before the Railroad Commission, as explained in these columns a week ago, afforded an opportunity to those who were disposed to do so to misconstrue that action or formality on the part of his attorney, although the latter stated that he took the step without the knowledge of Mr. Wilson.

"The *Post* printed the opinion of others as expressed by Mr. Harris himself and the other attorney of Mr. Wilson, R. H. Battle, Esq., and by other gentlemen familiar with the case and Mr. Wilson's attitude and intentions, and added its own opinion to the effect that there was probably no purpose on the part of Mr. Wilson to 'withdraw' his resignation or to take any initial step looking to a contest of the position now held by his successor, Mr. Rogers.

After having seen and talked with Mr. Wilson this opinion is now repeated as a warranted statement. If ever S. Otho Wilson makes another effort to fill the position of a Railroad Commissioner, it will only be the result of an attempt of the Governor to appoint some one to succeed Mr. Rogers, through some imaginery and highly improbable contingency which Mr. Wilson regards as a remote possibility.

He will not enter the courts himself nor employ a lawyer to test Mr. Rogers' right to the position he holds.

Dr. Clay MacCauley, who has spent some time in the Philippines, has written a letter to President McKinley, discussing the various methods suggested for the solution of the Philippine problem, in which he contends that the true and only solution is autonomy under an American protectorate.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

— Mount Olive *Advertiser:* Last week Mr. J. D. Aaron received an anonymous letter containing fifty cents in stamps, which the writer said was to pay for goods stolen from Mr. Aaron some years previous.

— Kinston *Free Press:* Peach and plum trees are in bloom. It is not thought that many of the blossoms were killed by the cold weather last week. Most everybody thinks this will be a good fruit year.

— Hickory *Times-Mercury*: Mr. Sidney Shuford, brother to Congressman Shuford, is 66 years old, never has been sick and in bed a day in his life and never took any medicine from a doctor. He went through the Confederate war, never missed a day's duty and never was wounded only by a buckshot in his little finger which did not lay him up.

— Goldsboro *Headlight*: The death of Mr. T. N. Wiggs occurred at his home in Nahunta township, Thursday night, after a four days' illness with pneumonia, aged 52 years. — While cutting down a tree in the woods Saturday noon, Mr. Saunders Morris, aged 35, son of Mr. Stephen Morris, of Bentonsville township, Johnston county, was struck by a heavy limb and crushed to death.

— Winston *Sentinel*: Secretary Ebert sent a report to the State Convention to-day which showed that there were 94 Sunday schools in Forsyth county last August, with 8,882 officers, teachers and scholars; 210 children were received into the various churches. Every township has been organized. During the year $3,606.43 was expended by the schools. There were 8,000 volumes in the libraries. The report shows Forsyth to be the banner county in the State.

— Clinton *Democrat*: Mr. Ira D. Alderman of Waycross, recently made a business trip to Washington, D. C. At the depot in Richmond, Va., he lost $45 in bills. After returning home, he wrote the agent at Richmond concerning the lost money. The next he heard of it was from Robert C. Coakman, of Philadelphia, who found the money and upon learning of the owner, promptly returned it to Mr. Alderman. — On account of the prevalence of smallpox in near by places, Clinton last week quarantined against the outside world. Mr. E. M. Hobbs was elected special quarantine officer. Persons coming to Clinton by train or private conveyance have to furnish satisfactory evidence that they have not been exposed to smallpox before being permitted to come into town. A good many of our people have taken the precaution to vaccinate.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

— It is believed that the Administration will overhaul its block and tackle very carefully before attempting to lift Tom Reed out of the Speaker's chair.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.*

— A colored editor who was a delegate to the last Republican National Convention from one of the Southern States announces that he has finally succeeded in securing a supply of garden seeds to distribute among his friends. At the present time the indications are that the Southern delegates business next year will not even pay garden-seed dividends.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

— There is a bit of financial good luck in the fact that the arrangement of the Central Pacific Railroad indebtedness will bring $12,000,000 of fresh cash to the Treasury just before the time when the payment to Spain of $20,000,000 for the cession of the Philippines will probably be made. The invitable dillydallying of the Spanish Government will probably delay the actual transfer of the Philippine indemnity beyond June 30, the end of the fiscal year.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

— Mr. McKinley has offered Adjt. Gen. Corbin a major General's commission in the new provisional two year's army, and Adjt. Gen. Corbin has declined. This means, first, that Mr. McKinley has tried to reward the chief military agent of the Second-Term Syndicate with the highest highest honor and rank that it is in his power to give, and second, that Adjt. Gen. Corbin has preferred to stick to his life position and life pay of a brigadier-general rather than be a major-general for at most two years and then be "looking for a job" in private life.—*New York World, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Mamma—"You must be very good during Lent, Tommy." Tommy—"Why, is Santa Claus coming again at Easter?"—*Puck.*

— "I understand old Gatrox made his fortune out of a simple invention." "No. Out of a simple inventor."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— "A Paper Bag Trust has just been organized." "It ought to be easy to knock the bottom out of that."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— Dash—"Don't you think Miss Sweetly sings with a great deal of feeling to-night?" Smash—"Yes; she must be feeling very bad."—*Judge.*

— "Maud has promised to become my wife." "Well, don't worry about it, my lad. Women frequently break their promises."—*Tit-Bits.*

— He—"So you cast me off because you think I'm forward?" She—"Yes, George; there's nothing modest about you except your salary."—*Judge.*

— "Pauline couldn't establish her claim to be a Daughter of the Revolution." "Weren't her papers all right?" "Yes; but they said she was too peaceable."—*Chicago Record.*

— "Have you ever read the article on how to tell a bad egg?" "No, I haven't; but my advice would be, if you have anything important to tell a bad egg, why break it gently."—*Tit-Bits.*

— Hall—"What are you doing now?" Gall—"Oh, I'm making a house-to-house canvass to ascertain why people don't want to buy a new patent clothes wringer."—*Chicago News.*

Salute Your Wife.

Men do not take off their hats to each other. They nod. Many married women complain of their husbands' incivility in neglecting to treat them with the same politeness they show to their friends. Let all married men remember that marriage does not exempt them from raising their hats both at meeting and saying goodby to their wives. This oversight has often been the cause of a spirit of rebellion in the young wife, who sees in it a reason for fancying that her husband has ceased to care for her or only regards her as a belonging to whom any of the civilities of life are unnecessary because she is his. In the same way a wife should foster all those pretty little ways of making him feel that he is still her Prince Charming. Love is so often kept alive by these outward observances that are the harbingers of refinement that it behooves all to practice them.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Grant's Crude Breakfast.

It was just before the battle of the Wilderness. The members of the headquarters mess assembled to partake of a hasty breakfast. The general made rather a singular meal preparatory to so exhausting a day as that which was to follow. He took a cucumber, sliced it, poured some vinegar over it and partook of nothing else except a cup of strong coffee. The first thing he did after rising from the table was to call for a fresh supply of cigars. His colored servant Bill brought him two dozen. After lighting one of them he filled his pockets with the rest. He then went over to the knoll and began to walk back and forth slowly upon the cleared portion of the ridge.—General Horace Porter in Century.

Forthcoming Information.

Parishioner—Doctor, what is the exact nature of the union between the soul and the body?

The Rev. Dr. Fourthly—My dear brother, there are some mysteries I have never attempted to penetrate. But I have a young friend, the Rev. O. Howe Wise, a recent graduate of our theological seminary, who is writing a sermon on that very subject and will deliver it one week from next Sunday. Don't fail to go and hear him.—Chicago Tribune.

The Osprey.

In the highlands of Scotland at the present time the osprey usually makes its nest in the flat top of a pine tree, but formerly it just as frequently selected a battlement or a chimney of some ruin, generally on an island. The nest is a pile of sticks as much as four feet high and as many broad—the accumulation of many years—intermixed with turf and other vegetable matter, lined with finer twigs and finally with grass, much of it often green.

Suspicious.

Fuddy—So Rommuter wants to sell his place out in Switchville?

Duddy—That cannot be. He is forever cracking it up and telling everybody what a beautiful place it is.

Fuddy—Yes; that is the reason why I know he wants to dispose of it.—Boston Transcript.

The witch hazel in all parts of Great Britain is considered as a magic plant. In many local traditions it is allided to as playing a part in charms and incantations.

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THE GOLDEN STATE.

California Is Widely Celebrated, but Little Known.

In the first place, California is known not by what millions of people have seen, but by what millions have read. Europe is better known by contact to Americans than California. A prominent American author recently "discovered" California and filled the newspapers with the interesting and suggestive impressions it had made upon his mind. He had been to Europe 20 times and to the Pacific coast once, which is once oftener than many other distinguished travelers of the eastern seaboard. Still further, the Anglo-Saxon race is dealing with new conditions in California. Coming from dense forests, from a land of heavy rainfall and from a temperate climate, where winters are long and stern, it settled in treeless deserts, in a land of slight and peculiar rainfall and under a sky that never knows the winter. Finally California is in its infancy.

Born in a paroxysm of speculation—one of the wildest the world has seen—it has outlived a trying experience of lesser economic epilepsy and come to the threshold of its true career strengthened and purified by the extraordinary process. In less than half a century several farreaching changes have swept through the industrial and social life of the state, swiftly altering the conditions of labor and of business. Even for those living in the midst of these events it has been difficult to read their significance and estimate their influence on the ultimate character of the place and people. What wonder, then, that to the outside world California has meantime appeared like a jumble of gold, palms and oranges, of gilded millionaires and hopeless paupers, of enviable farmers living luxuriously on small sections of paradise and of servile alien laborers herded in stifling tenements? Such are the conflicting aspects of the Golden State to those who view it from afar.—William E. Smythe in Century.

SELECTING PICTURES.

In Choosing Paintings Get at the Intention of the Artist.

"The value of a picture depends upon what there is in it for its possessor," writes William Martin Johnson in The Ladies' Home Journal, on the "Selection and Framing of Pictures." "A painting by an amateur may be more precious in your eyes than one of Raphael's cartoons. Therefore sell your cartoon to the highest bidder, and when you outgrow the little painting buy back the cartoon if you have learned to see its beauty.

"No one can tell you how to understand art without your seeing it, studying it, living with it, any more than any one can tell you how to tell good cloth from bad. You must first have had experience with cloth. Learn a language before you try to converse. But do not go so far as to imagine that you must learn drawing and painting before you can appreciate pictures. The less you know about technique the more capable you will be of looking at a painting with an unprejudiced eye. Get at the artist's intention. Does he express an idea to you? Is he interesting in the way he tells his story? Does he convince you of a truth? If the picture is that of a head, does it impress you as having the characteristics of an individual? Does it look like a human being? Suppose a landscape is under discussion—do the trees sway, the clouds float? Is there any atmosphere in the painting? These are the tests of a painter's facility with language. But more than this is required—it is the intellectuality behind the brush. Herein lies the difference between sublime art and the commonplace."

How Grant Got the Name of Ulysses.

The story was curious. As related by the father afterward, it appeared that the common difficulty of choosing a name for the babe arose. Multitudes of suggestions only confused the young parents the more, until at last it was proposed to cast the names into a hat. This was done. A romantic aunt suggested Theodore. The mother favored Albert, in honor of Albert Gallatin. Grandfather Simpson voted for Hiram, because he considered it a handsome name. The drawing resulted in two names, Hiram and Ulysses.

Ulysses, it is said, was cast into the hat by Grandmother Simpson, who had been reading a translation of Fenelon's "Telemachus" and had been much impressed by the description of Ulysses given by Mentor to Telemachus. "He was gentle of speech, beneficent of mind." "The most patient of men." "He is the friend of truth. He says nothing that is false, but when it is necessary he conceals what is true. His wisdom is a seal upon his lips, which is never broken save for an important purpose."—Hamlin Garland in McClure's.

Figures Bothered Him.

Lord Randolph Churchill never knew anything even of simple arithmetic, which is possibly why he was made chancellor of the exchequer. Sir Algernon West tells how Randolph said to a clerk who put some figures before him, "I wish you would put those figures plainly so that I can understand them," and when the clerk said he had done his best and reduced them to decimals the chancellor of the exchequer exclaimed, "Oh, I never could understand what those —— dots meant!"

Matrimonial Monster.

Chicago Editor—Are you the new reporter?

Chicago Reporter—Yes, sir.

"I'm going to send you out to write up a wedding. Ever have any experience at weddings?"

"Been married nine times, sir."—Yonkers Statesman.

The different sized flies frequently observed in houses are not, as commonly supposed, the younger or more fully grown members of the same family. All flies of the same species are of the same size.

A Thoughtful Answer.

"What's the first step toward the digestion of the food?" asked the teacher. Up went the hand of a black haired little fellow, who exclaimed with eagerness: "Bite it off! Bite it off!"—American Kitchen Magazine

A Use For It.

Mamie—Only think, Fred Sarnders has given Carrie Moore a diamond for an engagement ring.

Steve—That's all right. Carrie's father is a painter and glazier. The diamond will come in handy in his business.—Boston Transcript.

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The first thing to do is to secure some good, sweet cider (apple cider) and boil it half away. This should be done the day before you expect to begin with the apples. I use a porcelain lined kettle that holds five gallons. Boil it half away and let it remain in the kettle overnight on the back of the stove. The advantage of this is it is warm and will begin cooking earlier. As soon as possible the next morning I begin and prepare the apples as for sauce and put into the cider all it will hold. Fill the pot full to the top, and as it cooks soft keep putting in more apples to keep the kettle full until it is quite thick and let cook slowly and stir very often, as it will burn very readily if it is ever too hot a fire. It needs to be cooked a long time. I never finish mine in one day; simply move it back on the stove where it will not cook, but keep warm overnight. When it is done, it will be cooked away considerably and thick and dark like a jam or marmalade. Do not sweeten until nearly done, as it burns more quickly, and by cooking away as it does it might be too sweet. Use white sugar and sweeten to taste. I use no spices, as I consider they spoil the flavor of the cider and apples. If they are used, they should be of the very best and carefully added. This recipe keeps perfectly without being put up airtight. I put it in stone jars and tie a cloth over it merely to keep out dust.—Practical Farmer.

An Old Dog.

It is interesting to study the eccentricities of animals. Their freaks and fancies seem to make them almost human. A dear old collie who has been indulged in all sorts of ridiculous whims has recently taken upon himself to resent the habit of his master and mistress in sitting up late. When the dog considers that it is bedtime, he becomes restless and wanders about the room, looking ruefully at the offenders as much as to say, "Aren't you ever going to take your departure up stairs?" When he becomes convinced that his mute appeals are unheeded, he walks slowly to his accustomed corner and with a deep grunt of dissatisfaction settles himself ostensibly for the night. The funniest part of this performance is that he never spends the night in that corner, but the moment the lights are out and he feels sure of not being driven down stairs where he belongs he takes up his quarters at the top of the stairs leading to his master's bedroom. This same dog has as keen an appreciation of good cake as any human epicure. The wag of his tail when pound cake is given to him and the refusal of that tail to wag when sponge cage is offered tell the story as plainly as words.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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Sides ₩ lb	5½@	@	5¾
Shoulders ₩ lb	6	@	6½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 30
New City, each		@	1 30
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BRICKS—			
Wilmington ₩ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ₩ lb	12	@	13
Northern	20	@	23
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	51	@	53
Virginia Meal	52	@	55
COTTON TIES—₩ bundle	75	@	80
CANDLES ₩ lb—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
CHEESE—₩ lb—			
Northern Factory	10½@	@	11½
Dairy Cream		@	11
State		@	10½
COFFEE—₩ lb—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	8	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting 4-4, ₩ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ₩ bunch of 5 lbs		@	70
EGGS—₩ dozen	9	@	10
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ₩ barrel	28 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ₩ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ₩ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ₩ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ₩ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ₩ barrel	2 50	@	4 00
Mullets, ₩ pork barrel	5 00	@	8 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ₩ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ₩ lb	5	@	10
" Extra	4 35	@	4 50
FLOUR—₩ bbl—			
Low grade		@	2 50
Choice		@	3 75
Straight	4 00	@	4 25
First Patent	4 50	@	5 00
GLUE—₩ lb	7½@	@	8½
GRAIN—₩ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	53	@	55
Car-load, in bgs—White		@	50
Oats, from store	40	@	45
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas	65	@	65
HIDES—₩ lb—			
Green salted		@	8½
Dry flint		@	10
Dry salt		@	9
HAY ₩ 100 lbs—			
Clover Hay	50	@	75
Rice Straw	40	@	45
Eastern		@	75
Western		@	75
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ₩ lb	1½@	@	1¾
LARD, ₩ lb—			
Northern	5	@	7
North Carolina	6	@	10½
LIME, ₩ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ₩ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	13 00	@	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	23 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
Common mill	5 00	@	6 50
Fair mill	8 50	@	8 00
Prime mill	8 50	@	10 00
Extra mill	10 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES ₩ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	15	@	25
NAILS, ₩ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 90	@	1 65
PORK, ₩ barrel—			
City Mess		@	11 00
Rump		@	10 50
Prime		@	10 00
ROPE, ₩ lb	10	@	12
SALT, ₩ sack, Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool	75	@	80
American	70	@	75
On 125 ₩ Sacks		@	67½
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	3 50	@	5 50
SUGAR, ₩ lb—Standard Gran'd	5½@	@	5¾
Standard A	5	@	5¼
White Extra C	5	@	5¼
Extra C, Golden		@	5
C, Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ₩ lb—Northern	3½@	@	4
STAVES, ₩ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ₩ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Palmo		@	7 00
Mill, Fair		@	8 50
Common Mill	4 50	@	5 00
Inferior to ordinary	3 00	@	4 00
SHINGLES, R.C. Cypress sawed ₩ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 00	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	5 00
4x24 Heart	3 00	@	3 50
" Sap	3 00	@	3 50
TALLOW, ₩ lb		@	4
WHISKEY, ₩ gallon, Northern	1 90	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 90	@	2 00
WOOL, per lb—Unwashed	10	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

STAR OFFICE, March 16.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at 95 cents per bbl for strained and $1.00 for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.00 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quiet at $1.35 per barrel for hard, $2.40 for Dip and $2.40 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin, steady, $1.20, $1.55; tar steady, 95 cents; crude turpentine, nothing doing.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	11
Rosin	55
Tar	316
Crude Turpentine	11

Receipts same day last year.—32 casks spirits turpentine, 332 bbls rosin, 358 bbls tar, 0 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6 cents per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 9-16 cts ₩ lb
Good Ordinary	4 15-16 "
Low Middling	5 9-16 "
Middling	6 "
Good Middling	6 5-16 "

Same day last year middling 5¾c.

Receipts—156 bales; same day last year, 283.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 55 to 60c per bushel of 28 pounds: extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Virginia—Extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c; Spanish, 80@90c.

CORN—Firm: 45 to 52½ cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tide water) 90c@$1.10; upland, 65@80c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 9 to 10c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six-inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $2.50 to 9.50 per M

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Money on call was firm at 3½@5 per cent., last loan being at 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 485¼@485¾ for demand and 483@483¼ for sixty days. Posted rates 484@484½ and 486@486½. Commercial bills 482½@483¼. Silver certificates nominal at 60¼@60¾. Bar silver 59¾. Mexican dollars 47½. Government bonds irregular. State bonds steady. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. 3's, 107¾; U. S. new 4's, registered, 128¾@129; do. coupon, 128¾@129; U. S. 4's 111¼@111¾; do. coupon, 112¾@113¼; do. 2's 99½; U. S. 5's, registered, 112@112¾; do. 5's, coupon, 112@112¾; N. C. 6's 130; do. 4's, 104; Southern Railway 5's 105½. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 70; Chesapeake & Ohio 26¾; Manhattan L. 108; N. Y. Central 133¼; Reading 23¼; do. 1st preferred 65¾; St. Paul 127¾; do. preferred 173; Southern Railway 12¾; do. preferred 40¾; American Tobacco 212; do. preferred 147¾; People's Gas 116; Sugar 159¾; do. preferred 115¾; T. C. & Iron 47¾; U. S. Leather 6¾; do. preferred 71; Western Union 94½.

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A PRECIOUS ROGUE.

HE WAS EXCEEDINGLY CLEVER IN FEIGNING EPILEPTIC FITS.

His Desperate Expedient to Maintain His Standing—Carefully Watched by Experts For a Long Time—Finally Betrayed In a Simple Manner.

Dr. Robert Safford Newton tells an interesting story of an impostor who successfully feigned epilepsy for a great number of years, in spite of the fact that he was watched by the most skillful neurologists.

"How to feign epileptic fits forms a necessary part of the education of many criminals in Europe and America. In England, where it has been successfully worked for a great many years and is well known to the police, the feigning of epilepsy is called 'throwing of fits' and 'dummy chucking.' It is invariably worked in threes, after this formula: Two men, evidently friends, are walking along the street, when suddenly one of them falls in an epileptic fit. The friend of the sick man pretends to be greatly worried and gives all of his attention to the resuscitation. Naturally enough, a crowd gathers around. The third man lifts pocketbooks and watches and makes off with them.

"There is one man whose career as a feigner of epilepsy is most remarkable. This man's name was Craig, and my first knowledge of him was when I was connected with the Whitechapel Road House hospital, the biggest hospital in England. It had been noticed that whenever Craig fell in a fit in the streets of London, reports were sent in to the police of money and jewelry lost. He was more than suspected and was sent into the hospital, both to be treated and to be watched. This man was a perfect fraud, but he was so well up in his acting that though he was most carefully watched he escaped detection. He was a valuable man, but perhaps his pals feared that the London police had too close an eye on their movements. At all events Craig was next heard of in America. The old formula was repeated. He fell in fits, and valuables stolen were reported to the police. He was shifted around from hospital to hospital, and a careful watch was kept upon him, both when he was in one of these fits and in the time of their intermission.

"Craig began to think that a 'coup de theatre' was necessary to save his reputation. He was at this time confined in a hospital and was in one of the upper wards in the front part of the building. There were doors that opened out on a balcony. This balcony was 38 feet from the ground, and at its base there was a solid stone pavement. Epileptics are usually a dull, stupid sort of people, even when not in fits, and Craig feigned this stupidity as well as the other symptoms of the disease. He was allowed to wander about the hospital pretty much as he pleased, and every once in awhile down he would fall in a fit. The doctors had not discovered his fraud, but Craig felt more than uneasy at the way he was watched and suspected. One morning he got up from his chair, and, with a dazed sort of a look, at the same time putting his hands up to his head, he staggered toward the balcony and tumbled over backward—down, down, the full 38 feet—to the stone pavement below. When he was picked up, it was found that one of his wrists was broken and that he was otherwise hurt, though, wonderful to tell, not seriously. Of course this settled in the minds of the doctors the doubt that had previously existed as to whether he was a fraud or not. The thing worked exactly as Craig had planned that it should, and in course of time he was discharged as a true but incurable epileptic. Once again on the outside, he worked successfully the old game of fits and pocket picking in threes.

"Once more he was taken up and sent to the hospital. Here a young doctor set for himself the task of watching this clever rogue. He had every symptom. He would froth at the mouth, blood would stream from his tongue that he had bitten in his convulsions, and there seemed nothing wanting in real epilepsy. But this young doctor kept his vigil, and patience had its reward.

"One day, just as Craig was going through the preliminaries before falling—the looking dazed, the slowly attempting to fight off the coming spasms, the clinching of the hands—the young doctor who was watching him observed that, instead of closing the hands with the fingers over the thumbs, as would have been the case necessarily in true epilepsy—for the thumb, having the shorter muscle, must feel the contracting force first—Craig shut his hands with the fingers on the inside of the thumbs. The doctor gave him a gentle kick in the side and said: 'That'll do, Craig. I've caught you. You are a fraud. You've done your tricks well and for a long time, but your time is up. If you had been a true epileptic or just a little better read in medicine, you would have closed the fingers over the thumbs.' Without a single protest Craig straightened up and said, 'Well, I knew it was bound to come some time.'"

"What became of the man?"

"Oh, his talents found a market. He was so well known, had been so written up for the medical journals of both Europe and America, that the doctors hired him to go before medical students and demonstrate to them how epilepsy could be feigned and also to explain how these pretenders were taught in England and elsewhere. To counterfeit the frothing at the mouth they used a small piece of soap. If there was any danger of detection, they could swallow both soap and froth. With a little sharp knife a stab could be given to the tongue which would simulate the biting of that member."—New York Tribune.

Rockers.

As far back as the seventh century the venerable Bede wrote, "The women now are so luxurious that they do have chairs with wooden circles on the legs and which sway back and forth in such sort that it maketh one sick to behold them."

He Didn't Know About Hairpins.

"By Jove," exclaimed the bridegroom as he sat down and tugged away at his mustache, "this is too bad!"

They had just arrived at Niagara Falls, and the porter had bowed himself out after carrying up a trunk that weighed 487 pounds, for which he received a 50 cent tip.

The frightened girl dropped her traveling hat upon the center table and stood as if transfixed, with one of her gloves half off.

"What is it, Harry?" she asked.

"This is a fine go!" he muttered. "I wonder how in the world I ever came to do such a foolish thing."

Then he felt in his pockets again and cast a helpless look at the big trunk.

"You—you haven't lost your pocketbook, have you?" she asked.

"No, darling," he answered, "but I left my keys at home, and the one that opens your trunk is among them."

"Oh, is that all?" she exclaimed, with a happy little sigh. "Here"—and she removed a hairpin from her rich brown locks—"open it with this. Now I know that I am the only girl in whom you ever took a real interest. Otherwise you would have known. Ah, Harry, dear, I'm so happy!"—Cleveland Leader.

English Royal Titles.

The kings and queens of England were not always styled "his" or "her majesty," or after the pattern of that bestowed upon Victoria, "her most gracious majesty." Henry IV was styled "his grace," Henry VI "his most excellent grace," Edward IV "high and mighty prince," Henry VII "his grace and his majesty," Henry VIII "his highness" and afterward "his majesty." Subsequently the English kings were styled "his sacred majesty."

HE ATE AT HEADQUARTERS.

A Hungry Newspaper Reporter Who Invited Himself to Grant's Table.

After the officers at headquarters had obtained what sleep they could get, they arose about daylight, feeling that in all probability they would witness before night either a fight or a foot race—a fight if the armies encountered each other, a foot race to secure good positions if the armies remained apart.

General Meade had started south at dawn, moving along the Germanna road. General Grant intended to remain in his present camp till Burnside arrived, in order to give him some directions in person regarding his movements. The general sat down to the breakfast table after nearly all the staff officers had finished their morning meal. While he was slowly sipping his coffee a young newspaper reporter, whose appetite, combined with his spirit of enterprise, had gained a substantial victory over his modesty, slipped up to the table, took a seat at the farther end and remarked, "Well, I wouldn't mind taking a cup of something warm myself if there's no objection." Thereupon seizing a coffeepot he poured out a full ration of that soothing army beverage, and, after helping himself to some of the other dishes, proceeded to eat breakfast with an appetite which had evidently been stimulated by long hours of fasting.

The general paid no more attention to this occurrence than he would have paid to the flight of a bird across his path. He scarcely looked at the intruder, did not utter a word at the time and made no mention of it afterward. It was a fair sample of the imperturbability of his nature as to trivial matters taking place about him—General Horace Porter in Century.

Teed's Hollow.

Dr. Cyrus Teed of Chicago, the originator of a queer religion called Koresh, has evolved a theory of the earth that is just as queer. He says that the earth is an enormous hollow globe, with a crust about 100 miles thick. Thus far his theory does not differ greatly from that of the late Captain Symmes, but he parts company with the captain in saying that the human race and all the visible heavenly bodies are inside of the earth. Consequently nobody knows anything about the outer convex surface of the earth.—New York Tribune.

In all the cities of Arabia, even at the present day, dried locusts, strung on threads as dried apples used formerly to be treated in this country, are exposed for sale as an article of food.

GUV'NOR'S DAY.

'Twuz gov'nor's day at the county fair.
Me an my gal jes' come f'um there,
An we heard the speech 'at the gov'nor made,
How he tol' the farmers about their trade,
Rickommended wheat sown in July
To cheat the chinch bug an Hessian fly.
He used to plant corn already popped,
An it kep' a-growin an never stopped
Till jes' afore Chris'mus an hung on the trees
In little lace bags as nice as you please.
Said small watermilions wuz better'n big,
'Cause they wouldn't break the supportin twig.
Skimmilk cheese wuz his favorite kind.
Fer rich food he allus wuz inclined,
So he liked his cheese 'ith the skimmin's in.
An, my, jes' didn't them farmers grin
To hear him talk 'bout waterin stock
By h'istin 'em down 'ith a rope an block
To the water below of the bank wuz high,
'Cause exercise made the cows run dry!
An he said hay wouldn't get sour an black
Ef you put some ice in the midst of the stack
To keep it f'um heatin. An how the boys
Would 'preciate better a farmer's joys
Ef he run the grin'stone 'ith a bicycle rig
An fitted the plow 'ith the seat of a gig.
An our wives would bloom like a Sharon rose
Ef we chartered a Chinee to wash the clothes
So't they could rest an paint chiney jugs
'Ith cranes an dragons an flies an bugs.
B'gosh a'mighty, wut doesn't he know?
'Twould puzzle an almanac to show.
Oh, he's a wise'n, the gov'nor is,
To tell the people about their biz.
But I'l bet a cooky next county fair
That p'tic'lar gov'nor he won't be there.
—J. L. Heaton in "The Quilting Bee."

WOMEN OF ARMENIA.

English Customs Are Slowly Reaching Them—The Mother's Rule.

The Armenian girl is little troubled with education, beyond household duties, spinning and needlework—and at this last accomplishment she is always an expert, especially at embroidery—unless, indeed, she attends one of the excellent Armenian mission schools carried on in many towns, where she will learn English, French and possibly her own language, for Armenians not infrequently adopt the vernacular of the country wherein they live. She will also acquire a thirst for fiction, English and French. The Armenian girl is deeply sentimental and likes to read of love, and marriage is, of course, the ultima Thule of her ideas. This little matter is generally arranged by her mother, and nowhere are women of more importance or hold more weight in the family councils. The mother is at the head of the patriarchal establishment, in which her sons, their wives and often her nephews and nieces dwell. She rules her sons and sons' wives, the latter, perhaps, with a somewhat severe hand, especially during the first year of their married lives, when, except to attend church, they may not go out, though, when the daughters-in-law in their turn become mothers greater liberty is permitted them.

In more advanced portions of the community a girl's choice is practically unrestricted, and it is well that it is so, for the Armenian church strenuously opposes divorce, and the marriage bond is only soluble by death. Not infrequently the girl's choice falls upon an Englishman or other European, and many merchants and telegraph officials in Persia and Turkey find them excellent wives.

The Armenian national costume consists of a voluminous skirt of heavy brocaded material, a tight sleeved bodice of the same stuff, much embroidered about the front, with handsome filigree silver belts marking the waist. The head coverings are fichus of fringed embroidered silk, and a multitude of chains and coins hang round their necks. In winter the embroidered bodice is exchanged for a wadded one, and huge felt shoes are worn over the ordinary boots to keep out the biting cold. Though the Armenian women do not wear veils to conceal their features as a point of religion, they not infrequently do cover their faces with gauze or a corner of a shawl.

Some of the younger women, however, have discarded their native costume for that of London three years ago, and they are evidently not quite at ease in their newly acquired corsets. They copy the fashion plates in English papers and produce wonderful combinations of pink, blue and violet, which are further adorned with quantities of brilliant jewelry. They are full of curiosity regarding the life of civilized nations, particularly in the matter of marriage, and never miss an opportunity of obtaining information on the subject.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Costly Etiquette.

The latest pamphlet published by the commission of historical manuscripts in London contains the following interesting and curious travesty on etiquette: "The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, having been summoned to appear before the house of lords in 1692 in order to plead their suit for divorce, it was debated whether the lord chancellor, sitting as chairman, should lower his dignity by bowing to the duchess and speaking to her only with his cap in his hand. This question was argued for several days in the house of lords until debate exhausted itself and several duels resulted. At length it was decided that the lord chancellor should first receive the bows of the duke and duchess and return them with uncovered head and after that he should replace his cap." This rule was followed to the letter and is still adhered to today when similar contingencies arise.

The Dwarf Elephants of Malta.

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Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:20 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:43 A. M., Raleigh 3:30 P. M., Sanford 5:05 P. M., Hamlet 6:55 P. M., Wadesboro 8:10 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:25 P. M., and Atlanta 5:20 A. M.

Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 9:50 P. M. Leaves Charlotte 5:00 A. M. Arrives Monroe 5:45 A. M., Wadesboro 6:51 A. M., Hamlet 7:43 A. M., Sanford 9:32 A. M., Raleigh 11:13 A. M., Weldon 2:50 P. M., Portsmouth 5:20 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:30 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12.05 noon.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 5:00 P. M., Richmond 9:00 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M., Weldon 11:10 P. M. Arrives Raleigh 2:14 A. M., Sanford 3:33 A. M., Hamlet 5:07 A. M., Wadesboro 6:01 A. M., Monroe 6:53 A. M., Charlotte 8:00 A. M., Atlanta 2:50 P. M.

Train 403—Leaves Charlotte 9:00 A. M. Arrives Lincolnton 10:20 A. M., Shelby 11:37 A. M., Shelby 11.37 A. M., Rutherfordton 12:50 noon.

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Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 noon. Arrives Monroe 9:30 P. M., Wadesboro 10:30 P. M., Hamlet 11:15 P. M., Sanford 12:55 P. M., Raleigh 2:00 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 5:15 A. M., Washington 12:41 noon.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M. Arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 6:50 A. M. Arrives Hamlet 7.40 A. M.

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6 50 p m	Ar......Wilmington......Lv	8 50 a m
3 55 p m	Lv......Fayetteville......Ar	11 59 a m
3 50 p m	Ar......Fayetteville......Lv	12 20 p m
2 30 p m	Lv........Sanford........Lv	1 43 p m
12 42 p m	Lv........Climax........Lv	3 44 p m
12 13 p m	Lv......Greensboro......Ar	4 15 p m
11 55 a m	Ar......Greensboro......Lv	4 25 p m
11 07 a m	Lv......Stokesdale......Lv	5 12 p m
10 36 a m	Lv.....Walnut Cove.....Lv	5 44 p m
10 09 a m	Lv......Rural Hall......Lv	6 13 p m
8 45 a m	Lv........Mt. Airy........Ar	7 35 p m
South Bound Daily No. 62.	BENNETTSVILLE.	North Bound Daily No. 63.
8 00 a m	Lv.....Bennettsville.....Ar	7 15 p m
9 07 a m	Lv........Maxton........Lv	6 15 p m
9 35 a m	Lv......Red Springs......Lv	5 35 p m
10 20 a m	Lv......Hope Mills......Lv	4 52 p m
10 40 a m	Ar.....Fayetteville.....Lv	4 33 p m
No. 46		No. 47.
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5 30 p m	Ar........Ramseur........Lv	6 40 a m
3 50 p m	Lv........Climax........Ar	8 25 a m
2 40 p m	Lv......Greensboro......Ar	9 17 a m
2 30 p m	Ar......Greensboro......Lv	9 35 a m
1 15 p m	Lv......Stokesdale......Lv	11 07 a m
12 30 p m	Lv........Madison........Ar	11 55 a m

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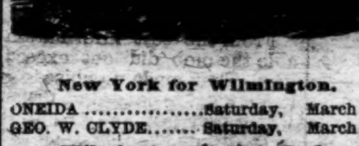

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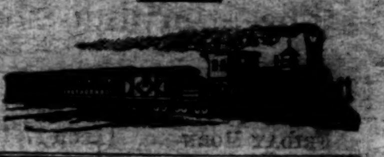

Schedule in Effect Feb. 5, 1898.

DEPARTURES FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.45 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.10 A. M., Warsaw 11.22 A. M., Goldsboro 12.05 P. M., Wilson 1.10 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 6.21 P. M., Richmond 7.20 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.50 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.00 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.34 P. M., Warsaw 8.48 P. M., Goldsboro 9.45 P. M., Wilson 10.33 P. M., †Tarboro 7.04 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.35 P. M., Weldon 12.59 A. M., †Norfolk 10.35 A. M., Petersburg 2.35 A. M., Richmond 3.23 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.23 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M., New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.28 P. M., Marion 6.34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M., Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.20 P. M., Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.05 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York *9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.00 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.21 P. M., Warsaw 4.12 P. M., Magnolia 4.25 P. M.

DAILY 9.40 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12.09 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 3.46 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.12 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.20 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.56 A. M., Magnolia 8.09 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.26 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M. Columbia 6.50 A. M., Sumter 8.15 P. M., Florence 10.00 A. M., Marion 10.40 A. M., Chadbourn 11.44 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.13 A. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.20 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.05 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9 30 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.10 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 10.40 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11 22 A. M.; 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 11.45 A. M. 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 3.00 P. M.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.19 A. M., arrive Latta 10.32 A. M., Dillon 10.44 A. M., Rowland 11.01 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.20 P. M., Latta 6.35 P. M., Pee Dee 7.00 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.20 A. M.; arrive Hub 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 5.13 P. M., Manning 5.41 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.17 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3.30 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M.; 5.55 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 2.25 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.55 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.20 P. M., Hartsville —— P. M., Bennettsville 9.15 P. M., Gibson 9.45 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.50 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.45 A. M. Bennettsville 7.10 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.02 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3.00 P. M., Cheraw 4.45 P. M., Hartsville 2.15 P. M., Darlington 6.20 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington Sunday only at 8.50 A. M., arrive Florence 9.15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.58 P. M., 11.15 P. M., arrive Selma 2.50 P. M. 12.01 P. M., Smithfield 3.02 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M., Fayetteville 4.25 P. M., 1.10 A. M., Rowland 6.00 P. M. returning leave Rowland 11.01 A. M., Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., 9.40 P. M., Dunn 12.25 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 10.55 P. M., arrive Wilson 1.05 P. M., 11.59 A. M.

Manchester & Augusta R. R. trains leave Sumter 4.29 A. M., Creston 5.17 A. M., arrive Denmark 9.12 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.17 P. M., Creston 5.13 P. M., Sumter 6.03 P. M. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5.45 A. M., arrives Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M., arrives Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 10.35 A. M., and arrive Lucknow 12.25 P. M. Returning, leave Lucknow 2.30 P. M., arrive 4.10 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

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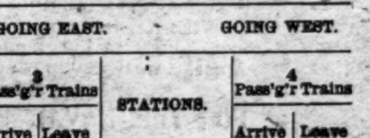

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28, 1897, at 12 M.

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3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	3 Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	4 Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro........	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston........	10 12	....
5 35	5 45	Newbern........	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City........	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 17, 1899.

SITUATION IN HAVANA.

Distribution of Rations to Cuban Poor. Police Have Lost Prestige—People Have No Respect for Them.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, March 16.—An order was issued to-day by the U. S. military authorities, to the effect that all rations distributed to the Cuban poor, after the supply dow on hand is exhausted, shall be charged against the customs receipts of the province in which they are distributed. Monthly requisitions will be made as heretofore. and the United States authorities will supply, buying in the Cuban markets such articles as sugur and rice if they can be obtained to better advantage here. The rest of the rations will be bought in the United States.

General Fitzhugh Lee has returned here from Cienfuegos.

Chief of Police Menocal, owing to the recent censures of the force, carries his resignation in his pocket. He has tendered it two or three times, but on consideration has withdrawn it. The new police force has unfortunately created a bad impression. During the last few days the policemen have shown timidity in handling people They appear to be undetermined and undecided what to do or how to do it. People have no respect for them and pay little attention to their orders, which are not enforced. Besides this, the force has no past traditions, *esprit de corps*, or experience. Since McCullough's departure, the only American peace official has been Detective Crowley, and he is concerned only with the detective bureau.

There have been several amusing incidents, showing lack of respect for the force, and several of the policemen have asked for a detail of American soldiers to help them arrest law-breakers, saying our soldiers are the only men the law-breakers will obey.

It will take some time for the police to regain the prestige they have lost.

EXECUTION OF MRS. PLACE.

Governor Roosevelt's Letter of Instructions to Warden Sage of Sing Sing Prison.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 16.—Governor Roosevelt to-day sent to Warden Sage, of Sing Sing prison, a letter giving directions as to the details for the execution of Mrs. Place to make it as unsensational as possible. He suggests that one woman attendant be provided and that one of the physicians be a woman. The letter is as follows:

"In accordance with Mr. Collins' excellent suggestion of yesterday, I desire to have a woman attendant with Mrs. Place. It might also be well to have one reputable woman physician. The district attorney, his assistant, the two clergymen nominated by Mrs. Place, and any other witnesses entitled to enter by law you will see are allowed in. As to representatives of the press I desire you to have merely one representative of the Associated Press and one representative of the other non-associated press papers, but I wish you also to see that no one of those otherwise admitted is a correspondent of any newspaper. I particularly desire that this solemn and painful act of justice shall not be made an excuse for that species of hideous sensationalism which is more demoralizing than anything else to the public mind."

Warden Sage, of the Sing Sing State prison, to-day informed Mrs. Place, the murderess, of Governor Roosevelt's refusal to commute her sentence to death. She received the information without emotion, but later broke down and cried.

CUBAN MILITARY ASSEMBLY.

Will Not be Recognized by the United States Authorities—Will be Dispersed If It Causes Trouble.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—There has been further telegraphic correspondence between General Brooke and the War Department regarding conditions in Cuba, with the result that hereafter General Brooke will confine himself wholly within the terms of the resolution adopted by Congress before the war. No government, organization or set of men will be recognized. The United States government will deal directly with the people of Cuba. It is not stated who the "people" are, but it is inferred that the United States authorities will determine that point as different questions arise. In the same connection it is regarded as important that the census which has been determined upon, should be taken, so as to ascertain the resident citizens of the island. The Cuban Assembly will be dealt with as any other organization. If its sessions provoke riot and disturbances, it will be dispersed like any other disorderly body. If its meetings are harmless and amount to nothing more than the vociferation of men, no attention will be paid to it. If the Assembly gets in the way of the United States authority in the preservation of the peace and tranquility of the island, then the Assembly or any other set of men must, in the language of the American police, "move on."

FOR THE NAVAL RESERVES.

The Auxiliary Cruiser Prairie Will be Devoted This Summer to Actual Practice Cruising—To Begin Oct. 1st.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The Navy Department to-day announced the itinerary of the auxiliary cruiser Prairie, which will be devoted this Summer to actual practice cruising for the benefit of the naval militia of the Atlantic coast States. The cruise will commence at New Orleans, April 10th, ending at Massachusetts about October 1st, giving the naval militia of each of the coast States a full week of actual sea drill. This is the first time that the department has been able to devote a vessel exclusively to the use of the militia, and it is considered the greetest aid to this branch of the service that has ever been attempted.

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ON THE CHARGE OF ARSON.

Twenty Armed and Masked Men Did the Bloody Work in Town of Palmetto, Ga.—Governor Offers Reward for Arrest of Lynchers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PALMETTO, GA. Mch. 16.--Twenty men armed and masked, rode into this little town at an early hour this morning and put to death four negroes, fatally wounded one, shot another and broke the arm of a seventh man. Two others who were of the crowd upon which the bullets were showered, miraculously escaped. These unfortunates were under guard of three men awaiting the hour of 9 o'clock when they were to have a hearing before a justice of the peace on the charge of arson. William Cotton, the leader of the nine men, confessed some time ago that a conspiracy had been entered into which resulted in two incendiary fires here in February, and on this evidence the men were to have been tried.

The negroes were confined in the office of the Johnson warehouse, a one-story stone building. They were arrested yesterday, and, tied together with ropes, were passing the night under the protection of three guards sworn in for that purpose. Their preliminary trial was set for 9 o'clock this morning.

The doors of the warehouse were not bolted and were forced without any trouble. The town is quiet tonight. The only sign of life is the solitary patrol, every few paces, walking back and forth on his beat. The citizens apprehensive for the night have quieted down and place complete confidence in the ability of the militia to preserve order.

The firing awakened the little town and as lights began to twinkle in the windows here and there, a second volley sealed the doom of those who escaped the murderous fire of the first charge. As the mob made ready to depart three or four men with pistols sent bullets into the prostrate forms on the floor and inside of ten minutes after the masked crew had entered Johnson's warehouse on their murderous errand, they had completed their work and were on their way to safety on the backs of fleet horses.

Soon citizens began to arrive at the warehouse, being under the impression that the guards were murdered by the negro prisoners. When the horrors of the affair was presented Mayor Arnold telephoned Governor Candler at Atlanta, of the occurrence and asked for some militia. He then deputized seventy-five citizens to preserve order and arming them with rifles placed them on duty in different parts of the town.

The town has been visited by two incendiary fires since February 1st and the citizens have been afraid to rebuild, owing to the oft-repeated threats of negroes that they would do the same thing again. The county authorities have been very active in their efforts to apprehend the incendiaries and yesterday arrested nine negroes. William Cotton had confessed to Dr. H. L. Johnson that he and eight companions had conspired to burn the town and loot the stores. The burning part of the programme was successfully carried out, but the fire spread so rapidly and the building went up in flames so fast that they were unable to obtain anything from the stores. Dr. Johnson got the names of the eight accomplices from Cotton and on this evidence the warrants were sworn out.

The Capital City Guards, of Atlanta, fifty-five men, under command of Col. John S. Candler, late of the Third Georgia volunteers, arrived at 11 o'clock and reported to Mayor Arnold. The mayor distributed the men throughout the little town, and, together with the citizens now doing duty as deputy sheriffs, it is believed there is a force sufficient to quell any uprising by the negroes.

From the best information obtainable the mob did not exceed twenty men. They made no noise to announce their coming and the dispatch with which they got away from the scene of the crime would seem to indicate that the number employed in the work was small.

Gov. Candler Offers Reward.

ATLANTA, GA., March 16.—Governor Candler is very bitter in his denunciation of the Palmetto lynching and terms the killing an outrage. In an interview to-day he said: "I regard the outrage as simply inexcusable. These men had been arrested, as I am informed, and proof was at hand to convict them. They were in the hands of the law. The law was amply able to punish them and the interposition of this mob of disguised men was entirely unnecessary, since with the proof in the hands of those who had made the arrests conviction and punishment were absolutely certain.

"I offer the largest reward the law will authorize for the apprehension of any one or more of the perpetrators of this dastardly deed, and I will try to see to it that they are prosecuted to the limit of the law. Such outrage must stop in Georgia."

Later in the day the Governor issued a proclamation "offering a reward of five hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the first member of said unknown mob and a further reward of one hundred dollars for each additional person so complicated, with evidence sufficient to the sheriff of said county and State."

Clem Watts, one of the negroes who miraculously escaped being shot, said: "I was at the warehouse and a crowd of masked men about twenty, called upon the guards to throw up their hands, and then made them leave the guard room. The leader then ordered his men to fire on the prisoners, first counting 1, 2, 3. The men afterwards loaded and fired again."

Guard Baker testified that the mob filled the room and the guards were forced to the wall. "The leader of the mob gave a count and the shooting began. They had pistols, shotguns and Winchester rifles. They did not stay over five minutes, I didn't know which way they came or which way they went when they left."

A TEXAS AFFRAY.

Two Men Were Killed and a Small Boy Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, TEXAS, March 16.—John Scott and a deputy sheriff engaged in an altercation to-day, when Scott remarked that if he had a revolver he would fight. Ex-Sheriff Reese offered him a revolver and the shooting began. Reese and Charles Boeme, a bystander, were killed and a small boy named Williams was badly injured.

A. C. Fine, of Norfolk, Va., was yesterday elected one of the sovereign managers of the Sovereign Camp, Woodmen of the World.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED.

A Factional Fight Over the Coming Mayoralty Election in the City of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., March 16.—Five lives were lost here at six o'clock this evening in a factional fight over the coming mayoralty election. The dead are Tom Nolen, chief of police; Tom Gosley, captain of police; James Hart, detective; John Henkle, driver of a beer wagon; Louis Williams, son of Sheriff Williams.

The shooting occurred on Central avenue, a principal thoroughfare. Saloons have been closed by the police and considerable excitement prevails.

The shooting grew out of the mayoralty campaign, under way here. The sheriff was a warm supporter of the regular Democratic nominee, while Tolor. Hart and Goslee were supporting an opposition candidate.

Early in the afternoon shots were exchanged between Sheriff Williams and his son, John, on the one side, and Sergeant Goslee on the other, but no one was injured. After this both parties determined to have it out. Toler, Hart and Goslee were walking south on Central avenue at about half-past five o'clock, when they met Sheriff Williams and his two sons, John and Coffey, and Ed. Spears. No one can tell who fired the first shot, but in a moment there was a general fusilade, in which forty or fifty shots were exchanged. When it was over, Toler, Hart, Goslee, and Hinkle, a non-combatant, were dead, and John Williams was mortally wounded. He died an hour later. Louis Hinkle attempted to separate the combatants when the fight opened. He was shot in the head and died instantly. The mayor, immediately after the shooting, appointed Judge L. D. Belding chief of police. Deputies were sworn and all the saloons were ordered closed. There is little factional feeling outside of those engaged in the shooting. Order was easily restored and the city is now quiet. The sheriff and his son Coffey are under arrest and no further trouble is anticipated.

EX-SECRETARY SHERMAN.

Sick With Pneumonia at Fort De France, Martinique—Government Vessel to Bring Him Home.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—A telegram was received at the White House to-day from Colgate Hoyt, who is the travelling companion of ex-Secretary Sherman, dated at Fort de France, Island of Martinique, announcing that Mr. Sherman is suffering from an attack of pneumonia, and requesting that he be brought to the United States on a government vessel. The message was sent to the Navy Department and Secretary Long immediately gave the orders necessary to comply with the wish. It was found that the Chicago was about due at Havana and a cablegram was sent to that point to have the ship proceed at once to Kingston, Ja., to meet the Paris and take Mr. Sherman off. Unless this is done Mr. Sherman must remain on the ship for two weeks, or the excursion which the ship carries must be abandoned. The Chicago is provided with a medical officer, so that the patient will have the best of attention on the homeward journey. He will probably be taken aboard the war ship Sunday or Monday and should arrive at Hampton Roads about a week from to-day. There he can be taken aboard one of the Potomac river steamers and brought to Washington without much inconvenience.

THIRD CONNECTICUT.

A Regiment That Will Go Home in Style from Savannah, Georgia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, GA., March 16.—The Third Connecticut volunteers, which will be mustered out on Monday, are making arrangements to go home in style. With wages and travel pay, the men will receive nearly $100 each. Company C, from Norwich, has engaged the full berth space of the steamship Tallahassee to New York. Companies F, from Danielson, and E, from Willimantic, have engaged special through trains. Company G, from Putnam, will probably have a similar train, and other companies may follow suit. The men seem disposed to spend their money in new clothes and transportation.

WARM WIRELETS.

Rudyard Kipling is steadily improving, and is already at work again.

The Queen Regent of Spain will sign the ratification of the peace treaty to-day.

The British steamer Brator, ashore at Cape Henry, Va., was floated at 10:45 P. M. last night.

The U. S. transport Sheridan, which sailed from New York on February 19th for Manila, has arrived at Port Said.

The *Massagero*, of Rome, says the Pope shows signs of increasing weakness and his physicians are very watchful.

General Wesley Merritt and wife arrived at Fort Monroe from Washington yesterday and are stopping at the Hotel Chamberlain.

Admiral Kautz has reported to Washington the arrival at Apia of the cruiser Philadelphia. He made no mention of political affairs.

The Queen-Regent of Spain has signed the decrees dissolving the Cortes, convoking the new parliament and authorizing the payment of arreas of pay to the repatriated troops.

The Postmaster General has issued an order constituting Tampa, Fla., an exchange office for the money order business in Cuba which has been done heretofore at New York city.

The Philadelphia Baseball Club is in Charlotte. The club will begin practice at Latta Park to-day, and this will be kept up daily until April 12th, when the club will go to Richmond, Va., to play an exhibition game.

The Spanish government has concluded a loan of thirty million pesetas. The money was handed over yesterday and will be devoted to paying arrears due Spanish troops which served in Cuba.

Members of the Arkansas Legislature were panic-stricken when it was announced that the illness of Senator Lankford was smallpox. After a half hour's debate the House voted to vaccinate all its members.

Yesterday's money transfers between New York banks at the clearing house, in payment of debt balances for the day, was $17,413,862, which is the largest transfer of the kind in the records of the institution.

In a fight over candidates last night at Grand avenue and Natural Bridge road, St. Louis, "Bud" Price, a negro, and Edward Osterhide, were shot and almost instantly killed. It is alleged that ex-Detective Jack Williams did the shooting.

FIGHTING IN THE PHILIPPINES.

A Strongly Fortified Village Was Captured After a Desperate Struggle.

REPORT FROM GENERAL OTIS.

Situation Said to be Encouraging—Insurgent Control Confined to the Island of Luzon—Quiet Prevails in Negros and Other Islands.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANILA, March 16, 1.30 P. M.—The insurgents at the outposts and in the trenches beyond Caloocan fired several volleys last night upon the Montana and Kansas volunteers and a part of the Fourth regulars, desiring, it is supposed, to discover if the American line had been thinned by the movement of General Wheaton's command. The Americans in the trenches replied to the fire.

H. Y. Becher, of Company A. of the Montana regiment, was killed in the engagement.

A battalion of the Twentieth regular infantry routed a small band of Filipinos on the Laguna road and some sharpshooters who were firing from a house over which a French flag was flying were dislodged.

A gunboat entered the lake and silenced a one gun battery in the foot hills.

Desperate Fighting.

3.55 P. M.—The strongly-fortified village of Cainti, northwest of Pasig, was captured to-day, after a desperate fight, by the Twentieth regular infantry. The troops first encountered the rebel outposts in the dense jungle on the banks of the river. The enemy was dislodged after half an hour's fighting. The Americans advanced in splendid order under a heavy fire until it was necessary to volley the rebels from the trenches. The latter had a great advantage and dropped a number of our men. The Americans charged across the rice fields, making four advances on the enemy, who numbered a thousand men, five hundred of whom were entrenched, and in the face of a cross fire. Our troops, however, carried the town after four hours fighting and burned the outskirts, the rebels firing from the windows and keeping up a running fire in the streets. The Americans then withdrew in order to obtain more ammunition.

The Killed and Wounded.

The rebels lost about 400 men and the American loss was Corporal Johnson, of Company C, and private McAvoy of Company L, killed, and 13 men wounded.

Encouraging Reports from Otis.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The following from General Otis reached the War Department to-day:

"*Manila, March* 16.—Reports from Iloilo indicate improvement; less activity on the part of insurgents on the island. Reports from Negros are most encouraging; inhabitants enthusiastic; quiet prevails throughout the island, and Colonel Smith directing affairs in framing internal government. Cebu is quiet; business progressing under United States protection. Reports from Samar and Leyte indicate desire of inhabitants for United States troops; these islands occupied. Insurgent control is confined to Luzon, and the occupation of the Pasig river line, with control of Laguanda de Bay, has cut the country occupied by the Tagalos in nearly two equal parts."

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY.

Heartily Enjoying His Visit and Rest at Senator Hanna's Place in Thomasville, Georgia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

THOMASVILLE, GA., March 16.—To-day even more than yesterday was one of complete rest for President McKinley. A forenoon drive, a brief nap before lunch, another drive in the afternoon, a short time devoted to a few telegrams, chiefly personal or chronicling happenings in the Philippines, made up the day, then dinner and an hour or two with Senator Hanna, his family and their guests passed the time until an early retirement for the night. Thus far Mr. McKinley has followed the programme outlined before he left Washington as necessary to avert any possibility of danger that the strain on him might later on manifest itself in illness instead of sheer fatigue. To-day he showed the natural effects of relaxation from high pressure, but also apparent was a touch of color in the face and bright eyes, resulting from quiet and outdoor life in this healthy atmosphere.

The President has received a number of invitations from places in Georgia, Florida and the South to visit, but his present purpose is to spend his outing in Thomasville in much the same way as the past two days, save that he probably will run over to Jekyl island, on the coast near Savannah, for a day or two. Here a number of well known gentlemen, some of whom are his warm personal friends, have a magnificent club house, and gunning and fishing preserve, and have urged him to make a stay with them.

VIRGINIA OYSTER PIRATES.

Trouble With Negroes Depredating On Oyster Beds in York River.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., March 16.—Attempts of officers to arrest negroes for depredating on private oyster beds in York river, just below West Point, have met with organized resistance, and may result in bloodshed. Some forty negroes are banded together to resist service of the warrants. The State oyster police steamer is anchored in the stream near the scene of the trouble, ready to open fire, and upon consultation with the sheriff of New Kent, who was here to-day, the Governor has ordered a section of the Howitzers, of this city, to hold itself in readiness to assist the civil authorities and the oyster police. The sheriff went back to-night, but seemed to think that there might be bloodshed before he got home.

THE FILIPINO REPUBLIC.

Final Collapse of Aguinaldo's Government Expected to Occur Soon.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., March 16.—United States Senator Kyle, of South Dakota, said here to-day while en route home, that President McKinley had lately received private advices to the effect that the Filipino republic was on its last legs. The Senator said he had received this information from sources very near to the President and that the latter anticipated the final collapse of Aguinaldo's government and complete possession by Gen. Otis in a few days.

THE DREYFUS SCANDAL.

A Sensational Story from London—The Removal of the Prisoner from Devil's Island.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, March 16.—The *Evening News* to-day publishes a sensational Dreyfus story. It declares that the former Russian ambassador, Baron von Mohrenheim, is the real culprit who sold both Russian and French secrets to the German government, adding that the Russian government itself is convinced of his guilt and that it is only to avoid a public scandal greater than the Dreyfus affair that he is unpunished, further than the intimation that he is not to show his face within the Czar's dominions.

KINGSTON, JA., March 16.—A correspondent at Cayenne, capital of French Guiana, writes that Dreyfus, the famous French military prisoner, is exciting little public interest there, but that private circles feel strongly against him, some predicting his return to his place of captivity on Devils Island, off that coast. This is looked upon here as implying that Dreyfus was recently removed from Devil's Island to Cayenne.

A BICYCLE TRUST.

Movement in Boston to Bring Manufacturers Together.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, MASS., March 16.—Col. A. A. Pope, of this city and Hartford, in an interview to day, confirmed the report that a bicycle combination is being formed and that options on many big plants have been requested. He said that Mr. Spalding, acting for a number of bankers, under advice of able counsel, was endeavoring to bring the manufacturers together.

AMERICAN YACHT NORNA.

Arrival of the Vessel Reported at Colombo, Ceylon.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

COLOMBO, CEYLON, March 16.—The American schooner yacht Norna, belonging to N. J. Weaver, of the Atlantic Yacht Club, New York, reported in distress in the Red Sea by the British cruiser Brisk, arrived here on Tuesday last, and reported all well on board.

Benjamin P. Hutchinson, at one time the leading grain speculator in the United States, died last night at Lake Geneva, Wis.

No change was reported yesterday in the senatorial deadlocks in Pennsylvania and California. In the latter State the Legislature will adjourn sine die March 18th.

The steamer Excelsior which arrived at Seattle from the mouth of Copper river, Alaska, brings news of the freezing to death of six men on Valdez glacier about the first of March.

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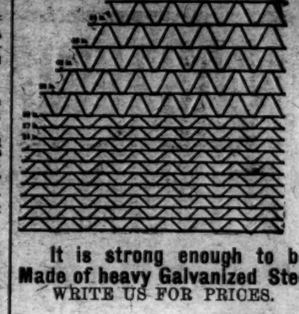

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